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Attention: Hearing Panel – Proposed Timaru District Plan – Hearing G: Growth; Designations

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Tēnā koutou,

RE: Minute 42 – Submitter 231 (Blackler) – Response to Further Information Request

Thank you for the opportunity to provide further clarification following Hearing G.

We write on behalf of Timothy Blackler (Submitter 231) to confirm the final relief sought and to outline our position in response to the Panel's Minute 42.

Following discussions with our client, we withdraw the alternative relief seeking a Future Urban Zone (FUZ). While we continue to believe FUZ represents a more enabling and transparent planning approach, the submitter has elected not to proceed with the preparation of a section 32AA evaluation for this option. The rationale behind this decision is primarily as follows:

- The Panel's direction to explore alternative mechanisms which included the notion of a precinct with specific provisions for a retirement village with the GRUZ as the underlying zone;
- The significant cost and complexity of rebutting Council's capacity modelling and associated HPL implications;
- Including whether FUZ would be endorsed as the preferred zoning pathway, along with the more enabling direction signalled by central government through emerging spatial planning guidance and potential legislation changes; and
- The uncertainty and constraints imposed by the current RMA and Proposed District Plan framework.

In light of this withdrawal, no s32AA evaluation is required as the relief now sought aligns with the original submission and technical evidence already before the Panel.

Accordingly, we confirm the submitter is now seeking the following:

1. Primary relief: Rezone the submitter's site (south of the Pleasant Point Stream) at 10 Burke Street, Pleasant Point from GRUZ to GRZ; or

2. Secondary relief: Establish a precinct within the GRUZ specifically to enable the development of the Retirement Village and associated care facilities on the site.

This relief continues to be supported by the infrastructure and servicing feasibility evidence already provided. This evidence demonstrates that the site is suitable for residential development, can be efficiently serviced and will contribute to a well-functioning urban environment in alignment with the District's strategic growth planning framework.

We welcome any follow-up questions and remain available to support the Panel's deliberations.

Nāku noa, nā

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